

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
MARCH 24, 2015**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Engineer Technician Scott Schnell, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 10, 2015. Thereafter, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

REDEDICATION OF MASONS LINE LODGE #743

Michael Cravener, representing Masons Line Lodge #743, said their organization is planning a 50-year rededication ceremony on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the lodge located at Virginia Ave and 32nd Street. Cravener asked if they could reserve parking on 32nd Street for dignitary parking and about five parking spaces on the west side of Virginia Ave for handicapped parking on that day from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He said he will contact the neighbors about this event.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit Masons Line Lodge #743 to reserve parking spaces and handicapped parking spaces near their lodge on June 20, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Kerri Mehringer, representing Holy Trinity School, asked permission to use the entire Buehler Plaza area on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the annual cardboard boat regatta. Mehringer said as of now the event activities are the same as last year.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve Holy Trinity's cardboard boat regatta on August 8, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

FARMERS MARKET

Joe Huddleston, representing the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, asked permission to use the City's grassy area located north of the train depot every Saturday from May 23 through October 3, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Farmers Market. The event is the same as in past years.

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reminded Huddleston that vehicles should not park on the tree line. Huddleston then asked if the trees near spaces 19-23 could be trimmed. Eckerle said he will look into the matter.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association to have the farmers market on Saturdays from May 23 through October 3, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

FOREVER FAMILIES 5K RUN

Bonnie Stone, representing Forever Families, asked permission to use part of the sports complex and certain city streets on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Forever Families 5K run that begins at 9:00 a.m. The route begins at the sports complex, then south on Old Huntingburg Road, east on CR 100S, north on Kimball Blvd., east on HRJ Lane, south on Dispatch Road, west on CR 100S, north on Kimball Blvd., west on 12th Avenue, south on Old Huntingburg Road and return to the sports complex.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the Forever Families 5K run on September 19, 2015 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the sports complex. Motion carried 3-0.

WELCOME PARTY FOR GERMAN STUDENTS

Mayor Seitz read a letter submitted by Sandy Wehr, president of Sister Cities of Jasper Inc and coordinator for the JHS German Exchange Program. The JHS German Exchange Program wants to use the Jaycee Park shelter house free of charge on April 9, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a welcome party for the German exchange students from Poessneck, Germany. The students and their teachers will be in Jasper from April 8-21.

Since the City of Jasper participates in the Sister City Program, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the sister cities

organization to use the Jaycee Park shelter house at no charge on April 9, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

CONTROLLED BURN

As part of the Soil and Water Conservation District and VUJC's Land Stewardship Initiative program, Adam Dumon with DNR asked to conduct a controlled burn on two strips of land owned by VUJC. The two managed prairie grass patches are located on the left and right sides of College Avenue, north of Cohere Avenue. The burn will be conducted by the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department as a training session.

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said the training session needs to be on a Saturday such as March 28, April 4, or April 11 when the weather conditions are right. He also said they will need to close College Avenue for a very short time. Mayor Seitz recommended they post signs about the controlled burn so someone does not call 911 to report a fire.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the controlled burn as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RETURNS FROM LEAVE

At the September 8, 2014 meeting, the board permitted Nicholas Lucas to take a leave of absence for one year effective October 4, 2014. Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said he received a letter from Lucas asking to return to the fire department effective April 1, 2015. Hochgesang recommended Lucas be reinstated.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the recommendation of the fire chief to reinstate Nicolas Lucas on April 1, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

SEEK QUOTES

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang asked permission to seek quotes to replace the 2008 Ford F150 truck that he drives.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit the fire chief to seek quotes to replace that vehicle. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reviewed some items listed on his code enforcement summary report which include two unsafe buildings.

Mayor Seitz acknowledged receipt of the monthly police department activity report.

KLUEMPER ROAD WALKING LANE

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said one of the council members approached her about extending the walking lane on Kluemper Road south to Andrew Lane.

Engineer Technician Scott Schnell asked permission to investigate the area and start the process.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit the engineering department to study the walk area along Kluemper Road. Motion carried 3-0.

PICKUP TRUCK QUOTES

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said he sought quotes for a 2015 one-half ton 4x4, 4-door, crew cab pickup truck less the trade in of a 2004 Ford F150 pickup truck.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick opened the following quotes:

Bob Luegers	\$30,461.00 base - <u>10,000.00</u> trade in \$20,461.00 net price
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Sternberg Chrysler	\$26,752.00 base - <u>11,000.00</u> trade in \$15,752.00 net price
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Uebelhor and Sons	\$31,115.00 base - <u>9,500.00</u> trade in \$21,615.00 net price
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Ruxer Ford	\$30,669.25 base - <u>10,000.00</u> trade in \$20,669.25 net price
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Eckerle said he will review the quotes and recommended awarding the quote to the low bidder.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to undergo review and award to the low quote that meets the specifications. Motion carried 3-0.

JUNK ASSET

The board was asked to junk asset #100889, a UPS backup, that is located in the maintenance room in the basement of city hall. The item no longer works and has been replaced.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to junk asset #100889. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 14th day of April, 2015.

Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer